

The plan commends itself to Congress, but it does not seem to meet with favor from some of the junior officers of engineers charged with the improvement of our harbors, as is evinced by the report under discussion and the experience of the writer since the plans were first submitted to the Government for adoption, in 1888.

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*Stated Meeting, May 17, 1901.*

Vice-President BARKER in the Chair.

Present, 30 members.

The donations to the Library were laid upon the table, and thanks were ordered for them.

The decease of the following members was announced:

Dr. Thomas Conrad Porter, of Easton, Pa., on April 27, 1901, aged 79 years.

Charles Swift Riché Hildeburn, of Philadelphia, at Bologna, Italy, on May 2, 1901.

Robert Noxon Toppan, at Cambridge, Mass., on May 10, 1901.

Mr. J. G. Rosengarten read a paper on "Franklin's Bagatelles."

Dr. R. W. Shufeldt presented a monograph on "The Osteology of the Accipitres."

Mr. Willcox made some remarks on some recent specimens of typography and the medium on which they are printed, which was discussed by Gen. Wistar.

The Society proceeded to an election for members, and the tellers reported that the following named candidates had been chosen:

Thomas Willing Balch, Philadelphia.

Hon. John B. McPherson, Philadelphia.

Prof. Dana C. Munro, Philadelphia.

Prof. Mazýek Ravenel, M.D., Philadelphia.

Prof. Amos P. Brown, Philadelphia.

Dr. Hays moved the following preambles and resolutions which were unanimously adopted :

*Whereas*, The American Philosophical Society is and always has been a Society of national scope, whose place of meeting was originally fixed at Philadelphia for reasons of convenience now less potent than formerly; and

*Whereas*, The growth and wide extent of our country and the multiplication of local societies tends to keep from our regular meetings those members who do not reside within a short distance of Philadelphia; and

*Whereas*, It is desirable that measures be taken to bring the distant members into more active participation in the work of the Society; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, 1. That a committee of five be appointed by the President to consider the advisability and, if deemed advisable, to arrange for a general meeting at a time most convenient to all the members;

2. That this meeting shall cover one or more days as may be considered advisable, and it is hoped that the high scientific character and broad interest of the papers to be presented shall insure the fair attendance of a good proportion of distant members;

3. That this Committee shall have power to add to its number and to make all necessary arrangements to further the success of the proposed general meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by the presiding officer.